Construction of township near Delhi University station

2154. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation has a plan to construct a mini-township right next to the up-coming Delhi University Station, with about a thousand flats;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the objective of the projected township; and

(c) the steps taken so far in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) With a view to raising resources for the Delhi Mass Rapid Transit System Project, Phase-I in accordance with the approved funding plan therefor, the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd. (DMRC) has invited bids for a housing scheme for about 1000 flats, near Delhi University Station, through private developer(s) to be selected on the basis of competitive bidding.

DMRC is not developing the housing scheme itself. The cost of the scheme cannot be stated at this stage, as it will depend on the bids received.

(c) An advertisement for this purpose has been placed by the DMRC in prominent newspapers on 20.11.2003, inviting developers, who meet the prescribed criteria to participate in the competitive bidding process.

Wastage of Drinking Water

2155. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that 40 per cent of drinking water in NCT of Delhi is wasted every year and the local agencies are unable to take any remedial steps;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are losing a lot of revenue on account of wasted of water; and

(d) if so, the details thereof during the last two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) (a) and (b) The Delhi Jal Board (DJB) has reported that it is not correct that 40 percent of drinking water in NCT of Delhi is wasted every year. As a matter of fact the figure includes free water supply, tanker water supply to weaker sections, lines losses and theft.

To improve the position, the DJB has taken remedial measures like replacement of about 1100 Kms. of old corroded water lines to minimize losses to leakages, setting up of a separate Leak Detection Investigation Cell for plugging leakages. DJB maintains a fleet of about 1000 water tankers for free supply of water to deficient areas which constitute substantial percentage of total non-revenue water.

(c) and (d) Some wastage of water to distribution system and lines losses are inherent in the systems involving vast water pipeline networks. However, no bench marking has been done in the country to establish the quantum of losses on this account. As per the policy of Delhi Jal Board and the Government of NCT of Delhi water supply to weaker sections and deficient areas through tankers/public hydrants is made free of cost and cannot be termed as financial losses.

Delhi High Court on encroachment

2156. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi High court has directed DDA and other civic bodies to remove encroachers from various parts of Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps Government have taken to remove encroachers from Government land near main market of Malviya Nagar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) DDA has reported that no general direction has been received from the Hon'ble Delhi High Court to remove encroachers from Delhi.